

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I urge you to levy a fine against Sinclair if they do not give equal time to pro-Kerry programming in a comparable time slot.

If Sinclair proceeds without consequence on this partisan crusade against Kerry, and if the FCC does not penalize them for such actions, it is my belief that the public airwaves are lost to the public and democracy is compromised.

In addition, Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and why there needs to be more and diverse ownership of media, not less. It is my strong opinion that the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you very much for the hard work of the FCC staff.